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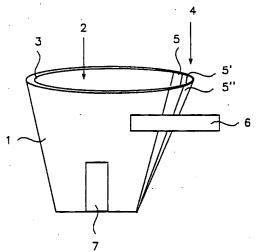
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(57) Abstract

A transport vase for cut flowers and bouquets of flowers consists of a water-tight wrapper (1) shaped as a pouch provided on its inner side with a liquid-storing, absorbent material (3). This type of transport vase may be produced in all sizes, shapes and colours in an extremely economical manner. The transport vase can be re-used many times and recycled.

(57) Zusammenfassung

Eine Transportvase zum Transportieren von Schnittblumen und Blumensträussen besteht aus einer wasserundurchlässigen Hülle (1) in Form einer Tasche, welche auf ihrer Innenseite mit einem flüssigkeitsspeichernden saugfähigen Material (3) ausgestattet ist. Die Herstellung dieser Art Transportvase ist in allen Grössen, Formen und Farben möglich und ausserordentlich preisgünstig. Die Transportvase ist mehrfach verwendbar und recyclebar.

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Transportvase für Schnittblumen

Die Erfindung betrifft eine Vase, welche besonders geeignet ist, um Schnittblumen insbesondere von ganzen Blumensträussen lagern, transportieren und frischhalten zu können, gemäss dem Oberbegriff des unabhängigen Patentanspruches.

Normalerweise werden vom Floristen in Blumengeschäften Schnittblumen dem Kunden mitgegeben, entweder ohne jeden Feuchtigkeitsspender in Papier eingewickelt, oder oft auch werden die Stiele mit einem wassergetränkten Wattebausch oder kleinem Schwamm umgeben, verpackt. Eine andere bekannte Art des frischhaltenden Transportes besteht in kleinen Behältnissen, welche am Stiel nicht wasserdicht verschlossen werden können und daher gerne auslaufen. Gleichzeitig besteht die Gefahr, dass der Rand dieser Behälter die Blumenstiele verletzt.

Aufgabe der Erfindung ist es, eine Transportvase für Schnittblumen und dergleichen zu schaffen, welche Nährflüssigkeit speichert und nach Bedarf an Blumen abgibt, ohne dass die Nährflüssigkeit ausläuft, unabhängig von der Lage. Die Lageunabhängigkeit ist wichtig, da Blumensträusse oft mit den

Blüten nach unten und den Stielen nach oben getragen werden.

Diese Aufgabe wird durch die in den Patentansprüchen angegebene Erfindung gelöst.

Ein zusätzlicher Vorteil der Erfindung ist, dass die vorgeschlagene Transportvase in ungebrauchtem Zustand ein Minimum an Volumen und Gewicht beansprucht. Diese Transportvasen können ungebraucht sogar in einer Hosentasche mitgeführt und an Ort und Stelle bei Bedarf mit Wasser gefüllt, respektive getränkt werden, um die Funktion zu erfüllen. Die Herstellung dieser Art Transportvase ist in allen Grössen und Farben möglich und ausserordentlich preisgünstig.

Ein zusätzlicher Vorteil der Erfindung ist, dass die Transportvase auf ihrer Aussenseite nicht feucht oder nass wird und sich daher auch nicht auflöst. Gleichzeitig bietet sie einen ausgezeichneten Schutz für die Blumenstiele gegen Druck und Wärme, und umgekehrt werden Haut und Hände nicht nass, und ein direkter Kontakt mit Pflanzenstielen wird vermieden. Dies kann zum Beispiel allergische Hautreaktionen, hervorgerufen durch bestimmte Pflanzen, verhindern.

Die Erfindung wird nachstehend im Zusammenhang mit den Zeichnungen beschrieben.

Figur l zeigt eine Ausführungsform der erfindungsgemässen Transportvase in perspektivischer Ansicht;

Figur 2 zeigt eine andere Ausführungsform der Transportvase;

Figur 3 zeigt eine Transportvase im Querschnitt.

Figur 1 zeigt eine Ausführungsform der erfindungsgemässen Transportvase in perspektivischer Ansicht. Ein flexibles Behältnis besteht aus einer wasserundurchlässigen Hülle 1, welche auf ihrer Innenseite 2 mit einer Schicht aus saugfähigem Material 3, vorzugsweise aus Zellstoff, wattenähnlich, beschichtet ist. Dieses saugfähige Material 3 dient als Nährflüssigkeitsspeicher. Es wird erst vor dem eigentlichen Einsatz mit der Nährflüssigkeit getränkt.

Auf einem Teil des Umfanges 4 ist die wasserundurchlässige Hülle 1 nicht mit saugfähigem Material 3 beschichtet, sondern fächerförmig 5, 5', 5'' vorgefaltet. Dies erleichtert das Einstellen von Blumen, da so eine grössere Oeffnung vorhanden ist. Wenn Nährflüssigkeit eingegeben und Blumen eingestellt sind, wird die Hülle 1 beim nun beschichteten Teil 4 in die Falten gelegt, um damit die Blumen um die Stiele herum besser zu fassen. Anschliessend wird ein wiederverschliessbares Klebeband 6, welches an einer Stelle auf der Aussenseite der Hülle 1 fixiert ist, um die gefaltete Seite gelegt und hält

die ganze Transportvase derart zusammen, dass die Blumenstiele nicht mehr herausrutschen.

Die Nährflüssigkeit befindet sich nur im saugfähigen Material 3, von wo sie an die Blumenstiele, nach Bedarf, abgegeben wird. Das saugfähiges Material 3 kann ein Vielfaches seines Eigengewichtes an Nährflüssigkeit aufnehmen und speichern. Durch die Beschaffenheit des saugfähigen Materiales 3, wie es zum Beispiel von Windeln bekannt ist, wird die Nährflüssigkeit auslaufsicher zurückgehalten. An einer beliebigen Stelle im unteren Bereich der Transportvase im Bereich des saugfähigen Materiales 3 ist ein bekannter Nässeindikator 7 angeordnet, und ermöglicht die Flüssigkeitsspeicherung optisch von aussen zu kontrollieren.

In einer anderen Ausführungform besteht die Transportvase aus zwei, im Prinzip trapezartigen, innen vliessbeschichteten Teilen der wasserundurchlässigen Hülle, welche seitlich und unten wie ein Kaffeefilter zugeschweisst oder verklebt sind.

Eine andere Ausführungsform der Transportvase ist in Figur 2 dargestellt. Die Transportvase weist die Form einer einseitig offenen Hülle oder Tasche mit einer im unbenützten Zustand etwa rechteckigen Form auf. Einseitig ist im oberen Bereich ein wiederlösbares Klebeband 6 angebracht, mit welchem die Vase bei Gebrauch um die Blumenstiele zusammengezogen und

gesichert werden kann. Front- und gegebenenfalls rückseitig sind Taschen 8 angebracht. Die Taschen 8 sind aus der gleichen Folie, wie die Hülle selbst, können aber auch aus anderem knitterbaren dünnen Material sein. Sie dienen einerseits zum Einstecken von kleinen Beuteln bekannter Frischhaltemittel für Schnittblumen, andererseits zum Einstecken von Gruss- oder Geschäftskarten, und sind in ihren Massen darauf abgestimmt. Die Transportvase kann farbig gestaltet sein, und können zum Beispiel die Taschen 8 mit Reklamen bedruckt werden.

In Figur 3 ist eine erfindungsgemässe Transportvase in offenem Zustand im Querschnitt dargestellt. Die wasserundurchlässige Hülle 1 bildet ein nach oben offenes U., wobei das Hüllenmaterial als Umschlag 13 um die oberen Enden der Transportvase herumgezogen und auf der Innenseite um ein gewisses Mass nach unten gezogen ist. Sie umfasst damit das saugfähige Material 3 in diesem Bereich teilweise und bildet eine Art umgekehrte, unten offene Rinne. Diese Rinne verhindert beim umgekehrt Halten eines Blumenstrausses in der Transportvase ein allfälliges Auslaufen des Wassers.

In die taschenförmige wasserundurchlässige Hülle 1 ist eine Schicht aus saugfähigem Material 3 eingelegt. Als saugfähiges Material eignet sich insbesondere Zellstoff, zum Beispiel in watteähnlicher Form, Schaumstoff, schwammartiges Material und dergleichen. Saugfähiges Material 3, das durch seine inneren

Eigenschaften in sich selbst eine Kapillarwirkung aufweist, fördert die Flüssigkeitsverteilung zusätzlich.

Gegen innen ist die Schicht aus saugfähigem Material durch eine poröse oder perforierte Folie 11 abgedeckt. Diese poröse Folie 11 kann aus Kunststoff mit kleinen Löchern bestehen. Es eignet sich aber auch ein Vliessstoff in der Art eines Geotextils oder ein feines Gewebe. Die poröse Folie 11 ist am oberen Rand mit dem Rand der wasserundurchlässigen Hülle innenseitig vom Umschlag 13 durch Klebung oder Schweissung 12 fest verbunden.

In die Transportvase eingefülltes Wasser verteilt sich im saugfähigen Material 3 und kann sich in begrenztem Mass innerhalb diesem Material verlagern. Beim Umgekehrthalten eines Blumenstrausses in der Transportvase, hat das Wasser die Tendenz, sich nach unten zu verlagern. Es wird aber durch die wasserdichte Hülle im Umschlag zurückgehalten und am Ausfliessen gehindert. Bei Verwendung eines entsprechenden saugfähigen Materiales 3, wie zum Beispiel einem Schaumstoff, kann auf die poröse Folie 11 verzichtet werden.

Die Hülle 1 ist vorzugsweise aus einem rutsch- und reissfesten und biologisch abbaubaren Material hergestellt. Ebenso ist das saugfähige Material 3 und die poröse Folie möglichst aus biologisch abbaubarem Material herzustellen, damit die Transportvase wiederverwendbar und/oder recyclebar ist.

PATENTANSPRUECHE

- 1. Transportvase für Schnittblumen und dergleichen, welche besonders geeignet ist, um Schnittblumen insbesondere von ganzen Blumensträussen zu transportieren, frischzuhalten und zu lagern, mit einem Feuchtigkeitsbehältnis dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass sie aus einer wasserundurchlässigen taschenartig geformten Hülle (1) und einem darin eingelagerten Nährflüssigkeitsspeicher aus saugfähigem Material (3) besteht, welcher nach Bedarf mit Wasser und/oder Nährflüssigkeit füllbar/tränkbar ist.
- 2. Transportvase nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass die Hülle (1) um den oberen Rand herum, auf der Innenseite teilweise nach unten gezogen ist und das saugfähige Material (3) in diesem Bereich teilweise umfasst.
- 3. Transportvase nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass das saugfähige Material aus Zellstoff besteht.
- 4. Transportvase nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass das saugfähige Material (3) ein schwammartiger Stoff ist.
- 5. Transportvase nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass das saugfähige Material (3) auf der Innenseite der

Transportvase durch eine poröse oder perforierte Folie (11) bedeckt ist.

- 6. Transportvase nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass das saugfähige Material (3) als Beschichtung der Hülle (1) ausgeführt ist.
- 7. Transportvase nach Anspruch 1, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass auf der Aussenseite der Hülle (1) mindestens ein wiederverschliessbares Klebeband (6) derart angebracht ist, dass die Hülle (1) um die Blumenstiele zusammenziehbar und mit dem Klebeband (6) fixierbar ist.
- 8. Transportvase nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 7, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass auf der Aussenseite der Hülle (1) an geeigneter Stelle ein Nässeindikator (7) angebracht ist.
- 9. Transportvase nach einem der Anprüche 1 bis 8, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass auf der Aussenseite der Hülle (1) mindestens eine Tasche (8), in welche Frischhaltebeutel oder dergleichen einsteckbar sind, angebracht ist.
- 10. Transportvase nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 9, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass sie wiederverwendbar und/oder recyclebar ist.

GEÄNDERTE ANSPRÜCHE

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1. Transportvase für Schnittblumen und dergleichen, welche besonders geeignet ist, um Schnittblumen insbesondere von ganzen Blumensträussen, zu transportieren, frischzuhalten und zu lagern als ein Feuchtigkeitsbehältnis, dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass das Feuchtigkeitsbehältnis aus einer flexiblen Hülle (1) aus einer wasserundurchlässigen Folie in Form einer Tasche besteht mit darin eingelagertem Nährflüssigkeitsspeicher aus saugfähigem Material (3), welcher nach Bedarf mit Wasser und/oder Nährflüssigkeit füllbar/tränkbar ist.

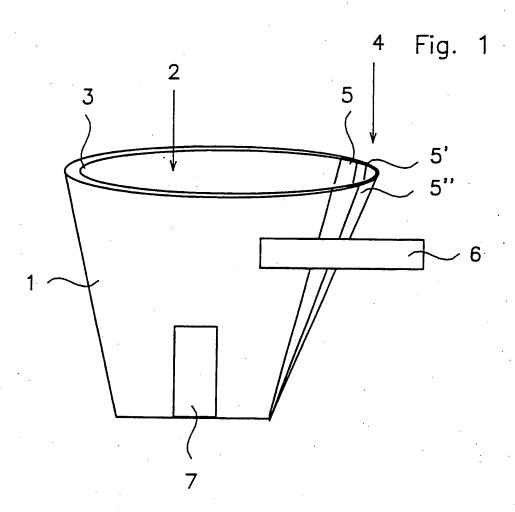
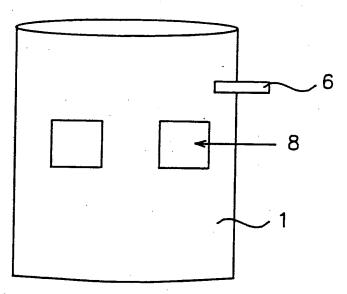
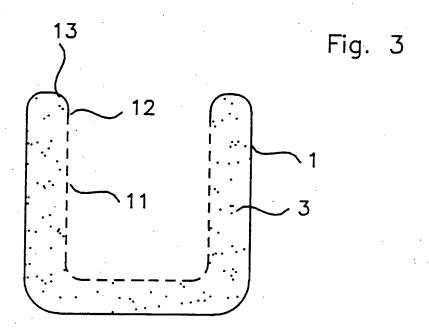


Fig. 2





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